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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:  
Ogata et al.

Application No.: 09/658,618

Group Art Unit: 2675

Filed: September 8, 2000

Examiner: Alecia D. Nelson

For: CONTROL APPARATUS AND  
OUTPUTTING SIGNAL ADJUSTING  
METHOD THEREFOR

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 111

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed December 18, 2002, Applicants submit the following remarks.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested. Claims 1-17 are in this application and are presented for the Examiner's consideration in view of the following comments.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6-9, 14, 16 and 17 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,485,171 issued January 16, 1996 to Copper et al. ("Copper"). Applicants respectfully disagree. (Applicants' representative assumes the Examiner's citation to "Cooper et al." is a typographical error.)

Copper describes a hand-held computer input apparatus. (Copper, FIGS. 1 and 2.) Analog voltages representative of an